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Staff Reporter

Four individuals have filed an appeal against a biochar facility to be constructed by Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve on Kennaway Road.

A zoning bylaw amendment for the facility was approved by Dysart council at their Jan 23 meeting, following months of public meetings and objections from the public.

At a Feb. 27 meeting, Dysart director of planning Patricia Martin told councillors that four individuals had filed a formal appeal to the bylaw.

The individuals include Catharine Gonnson, Laurie Wheeler, Larry Lowenstein and Douglas Buchanan, with each person citing the same reasons for the appeal.

The reasons include that the biochar facility is a noxious use, that it is a waste processing plant, that the zoning bylaw is not consistent with provincial policy, the use does not conform to the Haliburton County or Dysart et al Official Plan, and that it does not comply with separation distances for major industries.

"Council does not agree with the reasons that the appellants have put forward and are of the opinion that by-law 2017-09 should proceed to the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing," wrote Martin in her staff report.

The OMB requires a report from council

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Red Hawks carve through COSSA

Red Hawks snowboarder Hunter Francis carves to the next gate at the COSSA championship on Wednesday morning, Feb. 22 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake. Francis advanced to the all-provincial championship, as he finished first with the fastest time of the day and helped his team of Keagan Gilliam, Logan Roylance, Glenn Bagg and Abe Churko finish with the fastest team time. Francis won the Kawartha Championship a week before. /DARREN LUM Staff

Province passes bill to end winter disconnections

ANGELICA INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Last week the province of Ontario passed legislation that will make it illegal for utility companies to disconnect people during the winter months.

Called the Protecting Vulnerable Energy Consumers Act, the bill gives power to the Ontario Energy Board

to stop winter disconnections, a move Hydro One has already voluntarily begun implementing.

Executive vice president of customer care and corporate affairs at Hydro One, Ferio Pugliese told the Haliburton Echo the company began a winter relief program in December 2016 to reconnect customers who had overdue and unpaid bills.

The program was implemented out of the company's intent to become more cus-

tomor service oriented, said Pugliese.

"We undertook a review of all of our policies," he said. "Now that we've moved to be a privately held company one of the things that we put together as a strategy is to be customer focused and customer centric ... reconnections and our whole collections process was part of that review."

The vice-president said the company already had a moratorium in place on

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Hydro One voluntarily began ban on winter disconnections

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winter disconnections, however Hydro One wanted to take it a step further and look at those customers who were going into winter already disconnected.

"What we discovered was that in many cases these people were disconnected because they had arrears or were unable to service their bills and we found it was because our collections processes were rather stringent and so we loosened those up to allow them more flexibility to get them to actually pay their bills over a longer period of time."

Pugliese said some of these customers had been disconnected for more than six months.

As of Feb. 22, there were less than 90 customers throughout Ontario who had not taken advantage of Hydro One's winter relief program, according to a news release.

Pugliese said the company has made many efforts to contact those who are still disconnected, but have been unable to reach those customers.

More than 1,400 customers had been identified through the program. Slightly more than 1,000 were either unoccupied properties or customers who did not require connection. A total of 316 customers were successfully reconnected.

"As part of the program, Hydro One waived all reconnection fees and worked directly with each customer to develop a payment plan and, where appropriate, enrolled them into assistance programs, such as the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, the Ontario Electricity Support Program, the Home Assistance Program and other services," says the news release.

Pugliese said the goal of the program is to not only get people reconnected but to sustain their reconnection, through case management and working with the customers directly.

"What we want to ensure is that when they're making payments, the payments are not just going to paying for the monthly bill, it's also going to pay the arrears too ... so that they can affordably service that debt," he said.

For northern Ontario, which encompasses the area north of Nipissing/Sudbury, Hydro One defines winter as happening from November to May. For the remainder

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— Tina Jackson,
Heat Bank Haliburton County

of the province, winter is from December to April.

The vice-president could not comment on if the program was a response to the recent legislation passed by the Ontario government, but said he supports the decision made by the province.

"We've been advocating for customers ever since we've been a privately held organization. We've been pushing hard to say the customer is part of this business and comes first," he said.

Approximately 70 per cent of Hydro One is owned by the provincial government, with about 28 per cent of shares sold to the private sector since November 2015. According to reports, the provincial government plans to sell 60 per cent of the utility.

Heat Bank Haliburton County co-ordinator Tina Jackson said while the move from the province is a step in the right direction, she would like to see more done to help people struggling with their bills.

"What we at Heat Bank know about the downside to this legislation is that this will likely cause a peak of disconnection notices in the spring as utility companies use the threat of disconnection—and actual disconnections—to collect arrears on outstanding accounts. Until the cost of electricity is made to be affordable to the consumer, the energy crisis that we are seeing right now will continue. A more impactful, immediate response that could be taken would be to expand the Ontario Electricity Support Program to provide larger credits for a greater number of consumers," she said in an email to the *Echo*.

Jackson said the news is encouraging for those who do not depend on Hydro One, as they will now also be protected during the winter months.

"I was certainly happy to hear that the province has taken action to legally prevent electricity providers from issuing winter disconnections and even happier that the Ontario Energy Board has banned the use of load limiters (a small device that controls the amount of electricity output) for the balance of this winter. This will help to keep people across Ontario safely housed during our coldest months and will certainly help to ease some of the stress associated with living on a low income and having to juggle bills. However, as our region is predominantly serviced by Hydro One who has already been voluntarily abstaining from total winter disconnections for years, this will not impact our community as much as it will communities that are serviced by smaller utility companies," she said.

Other parts of Canada already have similar disconnection programs in place.

According to the *Canadian Press*, Hydro Quebec and SaskPower won't disconnect power during the winter months. Nova Scotia Power won't disconnect if temperatures are forecasted to dip below zero degrees for five days or longer.

Jackson encourages anyone in Haliburton County who has a load limiter installed to contact the Heat Bank office at 705-306-0565 or local MPP Laurie Scott's constituency office at 705-324-6654 for support in getting hydro restored.

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Dysart council considers voting methods for 2018 election

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A debate into what voting methods to use for the upcoming municipal election was had around the table on Feb. 27 at the regular meeting of Dysart et al council.

Clerk Cheryl Coulson presented a report on the options available to the municipality, which include traditional vote by mail or electronic voting, which is done through the Internet and telephone.

In past elections Dysart has opted to use vote by mail, and for the 2014 election decided to use tabulators to help count the ballots.

Coulson said there are advantages to both methods and that the municipality will be using tabulators again for the 2018 election. Both voting methods provide accessible options to voters.

In the 2014 election Minden Hills opted to use both the vote by mail and Internet/telephone methods and found great success with this, said Coulson.

In the 2014 election, Minden Hills had a voter turnout of approximately 45 per cent, while Dysart had 44 per cent. According to Coulson, more than 70 per cent of voters in Minden Hills used the Internet/telephone method to cast their ballot.

According to Coulson's report to council, the vote by mail method will cost approximately \$52,780, while the Internet/telephone method will cost approximately \$42,658.

"If council chooses to proceed with Internet/telephone voting and include traditional voting (ballot) on election day similar to Minden Hills, I estimate it will cost an additional \$15,000 - \$25,000 depending on whether or not a manual count was conducted or if tabulators were used," wrote Coulson in her staff report. "Council should also take into consideration that using a combination of voting methods for the 2018 election can not only be costly, but requires much more staff/election workers, will be labour intensive, will require two separate types

of training and extensive advertising will be required to explain all the voting options."

Coulson did include in her report that for Internet/telephone voting, reduced pricing is available for municipalities in the same county using the same provider.

Minden Hills has already opted to use the same method they did in the 2014 election for 2018, going with Internet/telephone and vote by mail.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said he thought the municipality should go another term without the Internet/telephone option, sticking to vote by mail.

Other councillors did not agree, saying this was the way of the future.

"I think a lot has changed in four years," said Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts, adding many residents now use the Internet for a lot of things, such as banking.

Councillor Susan Norcross believed introducing Internet/telephone options might capture more seasonal residents.

"Maybe, but people get a ballot in the mail and often don't return it," said Fearrey.

Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts asked about elderly residents and if they would still be able to get assistance.

Coulson said they would be, which would be done through the use of a privacy screen.

However Fearrey was concerned those requiring assistance would have their votes seen.

"As long as people can still get assistance, I'm ok with either," said Wood-Roberts.

While there was some discussion around the cost benefits of one method over the other, councillors agreed the issue shouldn't be about the money, but about what's best for constituents.

Coulson said council needs to make a decision by May 1, 2017 for the 2018 election.

Councillors began taking a vote on the matter however some weren't ready to make up their mind.

Fearrey suggested they defer the item to the March council meeting and gather more information before making a decision.

Man's body recovered from Dark Lake

Divers found the body of a man in Dark Lake in Wilberforce on Monday, Feb. 20, following a snowmobile accident on Saturday evening.

A female snowmobiler was rescued and a male snowmobiler was missing after they went through the ice.

"The divers found the body yesterday [Feb. 20]," Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove told the *Echo*.

Robert Bell, 53, of Mount Albert, Ont., was pronounced dead at the scene, according to a press release issued Tuesday afternoon by the Bancroft OPP detachment.

The Highlands East Fire Department, paramedics and OPP responded to the call on Saturday. Firefighters have been assisting with traffic at the Dark Lake Bridge on Loop Road as police searched the water below during the weekend.

See more on page 22.

- Staff



Standing up to bullying

There were plenty of participants at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School on Feb. 22, for Pink Shirt Day. The anti-bullying initiative was started in Nova Scotia when students at a high school decided to wear pink shirts in solidarity with a classmate who was bullied for wearing pink. JENN WATT Staff

Council doesn't believe concerns are zoning issues

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on its position of each appeal.

The property, which was zoned industrial prior to the zoning amendment, has a long history of being used for industrial purposes, most recently as a wood pellet manufacturing business.

The zoning amendment is to change the property from its current zoning of general industrial, extractive industrial and rural type 1 to a general industrial 8 exception zoning.

The applicants are able to build the facility on the property with or without the amendment, however the zoning change will determine where on the property the facility can be built.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said he didn't believe the issues being raised by those appealing the bylaw had to do with zoning issues.

"If they [Haliburton Forest] don't get the environmental approval they're not going to be able to do it anyways," said Fearrey.

Martin said if the project receives the necessary approvals from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change it will demonstrate the facility is not a noxious use.

Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts questioned why there were four individuals appealing for the same reasons.

Fearrey said it was to give the appeal more weight and allow each individual to speak at the hearing.

The deadline to file an appeal of the bylaw was Feb. 14. Council requested a pre-hearing conference with solicitors prior to the hearing.

Councillors passed a resolution stating they did not agree with the opinions of those appealing and that it should go to the OMB for a hearing.

Reeve breaks down Dysart tax rate

JENN WATT

Editor

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey says he expects residents in his municipality will have an overall three per cent increase on their taxes in 2017 – factoring in the county and education tax rates.

Within the lower tier municipality of Dysart et al, the majority of this year's increase comes from the growing cost of policing. Following an adjustment to the OPP funding formula, the municipality has seen an increase \$295,590 over last year's cost.

"That's an automatic 3.95 per cent increase on the tax levy. Each one per cent is \$73,280. Out of the 5.9 we talked about, the balance is less than two per cent and that's attributed to a land purchase to accommodate future septic infrastructure and technology," Fearrey told the *Echo*.

The land purchase would allow for septage disposal should Dysart et al begin septic reinspections – something lake associations have identified as a priority, the

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— Murray Fearrey

reeve said.

"To do septic reinspections we have to have a place to dispose of the septage. We're looking at technologies that would fit and be environmentally friendly and safe. We do need places to do that," he said.

Dysart et al council has not yet had formal discussions about conducting septic reinspections.

If Dysart council passes the proposed 5.87 per cent increase, that would mean an increase of \$23.71 from the 2016 rate, or \$261.89 per \$100,000 of assessment.

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Skatepark kicks off large capital fundraising campaign



Mike McLellan, also known as The Drifter, performs at the second annual Battle of the Bands on Feb. 24 at the AJ LaRue Community Centre. The event raised \$800 and kicked off a large capital campaign for the Junction Skatepark, with the goal of raising \$100,000 in 100 days. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Volunteers have been working for more than a year to raise money for a new skate park in Haliburton Village and now efforts have been kicked up a notch.

On Friday, Feb. 24, the municipality of Dysart et al announced it was launching a campaign titled \$100,000 in 100 days.

The goal is to try to raise \$100,000 between now and June, to go towards the construction of a new skate park, set to be built this year.

To date more than \$70,000 has been raised for the project, including donations from the Haliburton Rotary Club, Walker's Home Hardware and Viper Marketing.

The campaign was kicked off at the second annual Battle of the Bands, which raised \$800 for the skate park.

Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts announced the new campaign and was quick to put her support behind the cause.

"We need to raise some big bucks and we need to raise it in a limited amount of time," she said. "We're kicking off the campaign today ... my husband and I already decided we would like to pledge

so I am pledging \$1,000. So we only have \$99,000 to go. Let's do it."

Roberts said she knows the target is ambitious, but she believes it is possible. "Every little bit counts," she said.

To encourage companies, organizations and individuals to donate, there will be a donor wall at the skate park recognizing contributions of \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000 and up.

Any donation over \$50 is eligible for a tax receipt.

The plan is to build the new skate park adjacent to the AJ LaRue Arena.

Dysart recreation coordinator Andrea Mueller said estimates for the project's total cost will range between \$150,000 to \$200,000.

The Battle of the Bands featured seven musical performances, from rock music to jazz to original rap.

First place went to Citizen X and North Born, followed by Mark Arike (aka Whippz) in second and a tie for third between Mike McLellan (aka The Drifter) and Robbie Hall.

First place won a photo shoot with Mark Robinson photography. Other prizes included Sir Sam's lift tickets, rentals from Algonquin Outfitters, a kayaking lesson from AO, a gift card from Todd's Independent and prizes from V & S.



Joe Flagg, left, and Murray Lee perform in the second annual Battle of the Bands Skatepark fundraiser held on Feb. 24 at the AJ LaRue Community Centre in Haliburton. The pair were one of seven performances of the night. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Garage in Gooderham burns to the ground

A single-car garage in Gooderham was reduced to rubble Feb. 23. The building, located next to the LCBO driveway, was full engulfed when Highlands East firefighters arrived at 10:18 p.m., fire chief Bill Wingrove said. There were no injuries. The cause is unknown. Photo by Thalia Bergasse

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Not enough natural shoreline in county: CHA

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Staff Reporter

There is not sufficient natural shoreline within Haliburton County, not by a long shot, according to the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA).

"This is a very preliminary report," CHA chairman Paul MacInnes told Haliburton County councillors as he presented findings from the coalition's shoreline improvement project during a Feb. 22 meeting.

Also called the Love Your Lake program, during the past three summers, the CHA has hired evaluators – typically university students in the environmental sciences – to travel lakes by boat, assessing properties based on numerous factors including development setbacks, docks, slope, invasive species, retaining walls, etc.

The results of those evaluations are then sent confidentially to property owners, with suggestions on how to better naturalize their shorelines.

An ecological report card of sorts.

Natural shorelines – those which are largely untouched, include native plant species and are free of manmade hazards such as lawns, retaining walls and docks – have a direct bearing on lake health.

They prevent erosion, provide habitat for wildlife such as fish, frogs, butterflies and benthics, and filter pollutants such as phosphorous.

Phosphorous is public enemy No. 1 when it comes to lake health in Haliburton County and is the culprit behind algae blooms. When large enough, algae blooms not only make lakes unsafe for swimming, but, in severe cases, render them effectively dead.

"Too much phosphorous in your lake, and you're likely to get an algae bloom," MacInnes said, adding that 95 per cent of phosphorous in county lakes comes from septic tanks, which is why proper care of septic tanks is one of the major concerns of the CHA.

While algae blooms have, up to this point, not been a major problem in Haliburton County, MacInnes told councillors there are lakes in Manitoba that are unswimmable in the summertime and some in Muskoka that cannot be swam in during the month of August.

In areas affected by algae blooms, "property values have fallen 40 to 50 per cent," he said. "We don't want that to happen here."

Sometimes called "the ribbon of life," the scientific community seems to agree that a minimum setback band of at least 30 metres of naturalized shoreline around lakes is key to their health.

At least 75 per cent of a lake's shoreline should have this naturalized, 30-metre buffer, in order to prevent lake health from declining.

And the Haliburton County lakes evaluated through the Love Your Lake program are not meeting that target.

During the past three summers, 47 lakes in the county have been assessed through the program, which is ongoing and will resume this summer.

Many of those 47 lakes are the larger ones in the county such as Kawagama, Kennisis and Kashagawigamog. Combined, their studied shorelines represent about 20 per cent of the total shoreline in Haliburton County, which is home to some 600 lakes.

Of the lakes assessed so far, 92 per cent of them are not meeting the 75 per cent naturalized shoreline mark. MacInnes said the average, overall, is 48 per cent.

"Far, far too low," he said.

Not only is there a lack of understanding among many waterfront property owners about the importance of natural shorelines, MacInnes said there is also a lack of knowledge in the supply community – that is, nurseries and landscaping companies that understand the importance of using native species.

MacInnes said that among companies doing naturalized shorelines, there is now a local waiting list.

The CHA also has some demonstration sites, which residents who may have questions can go and visit.

"The demonstration sites answer those questions and soothe those concerns," MacInnes said. "How could the county help? We don't know. But we're asking you look at it with your staff. When my property looked like it did, I have no idea there was anything wrong with that."

As part of his presentations on shoreline health – MacInnes estimates he's given 100 of them to lake associations in recent years – he uses a picture of his own property from a number of years ago, with a manicured, green lawn extending to the lake's shore.

Minden Hills Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin wondered if people had actually been modifying their behaviour as the result of receiving shoreline evaluations during the past few years.

"It's very dependent on the individual lake associations," MacInnes replied, adding that some are more organized than others.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested that the county's lower-tier townships send out an information pamphlet with this year's tax bills, an idea that other members of council seemed to agree with.

Fearrey also suggested the townships should be looking at some kind of program that would offer a financial incentive for waterfront property owners who complete re-naturalization of their shoreline.

County council is scheduled to review its tree-clearing bylaw – that prohibits the cutting of trees within 30 metres of the shoreline – and Devolin suggested that perhaps additional measures could be built into it.

The CHA also has a program known as Lake Protector Realtors, where local real estate agents take pledges they will encourage new waterfront property owners to re-naturalize their shorelines, among other environmentally friendly activities.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Lowering hydro bills

OVER THE PAST month or so there's been an obvious attempt by Hydro One and the provincial Liberals to find ways to get energy costs under control.

Taxes have been removed from bills, delivery charges for some customers slashed and most recently a bill passed unanimously in the legislature to disallow disconnects during the winter.

These are all good things that, while quite late in the game, will still help many people throughout the province.

But it's still too little.

On a recent edition of TVO's The Agenda, Vince Brescia, president and CEO of the Ontario Energy Association, said that much of the noise about electricity rates

is political in nature. He said that electricity bills account for 1.6 per cent of the average household's expenditures. Yet as the show's host Steve Paikin pointed out, a Nanos poll in November found 20 per cent of Ontarians say hydro costs are their No. 1 concern, with health care labelled as the top concern for 15 per cent of residents and jobs making the top of the list for 9.6 per cent.

Brescia clarified that electricity costs are higher for rural residents and those without access to natural gas and that low-income earners had very real challenges in paying their bills.

There is an additional factor that makes higher bills in rural Ontario particularly unjust. Average incomes in the country are almost always lower than in the city.

The Haliburton County Housing Needs and Supply Analysis in 2012 noted that the median household income in 2005 was \$45,198; Ontario's median household income was \$60,455.

According to the Rural Ontario Institute, in 2013, median incomes in non-metro Ontario were 15 per cent less than their metro-dwelling counterparts.

"The economic regions of Toronto and Ottawa now have average incomes above the Ontario average. Two economic regions with larger metro populations (Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie and Hamilton-Niagara) have incomes similar to the Ontario average.

The non-metro economic regions have family incomes below the Ontario average," the fact sheet issued in 2015 reads.

When it comes to essential services with uncontrollable prices, those disparities matter particularly when the costs are higher for a population that makes less on average.

Murmurs about the upcoming provincial budget indicate that the Liberals are looking at doing more to make bills manageable. Whether that makes up for the years of unchecked price hikes remains to be seen.



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Gone but not forgotten

by Darren Lum

Snowbirds, rainbirds and the Oscars

WHY ALL THOSE snowbirds in Lake WhaddyathinkI mean ought to be calling themselves, rainbirds ... flying off in all directions to warm, sunny climes leaving us stuck here shovelling, salting, sanding, and scraping off windshields, walkways, stairs, and driveways trying for dear life not to fall down and break something we got to sit on for the rest of our lives, don'tcha know.

Just last Sunday, Beanpole Starkman, Vilma Yuccch, her sweetie, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, and ol' Maybelle are sitting in my kitchen gabbing about the weather, the weather, the weather, and did I happen to mention, the weather? When: CRRRAAASSSSHHH, the cottage shakes like a giant just kicked it for fun.

"Holy Pitoolies!" Beanpole spews, hot apple cider spraying his plaid man-shirt "What the...?"

We all run to the front door like we're glued together.

"Stand back!" Officer McB shouts flinging the door open. "I will check it out," he says, emphasizing the word: "I."

Vilma, as she's wont to do, melts in her sweetie's glow.

So, open flies the door, when McB's bravado is met with a walloping whack of rain that hits him in the face and drenches our hero head to boot in a nano-second.

"Stay back!" he shouts again as he leaps into the night surveying the mysterious thump. Thirty seconds later he shouts: "Okay, you can come out now!"

We quickly grab our jackets and race outside. There, it is. The giant was none other than a three-foot sheet of snow the entire length of the roof that had clung to it for weeks, now freed by the rain to go tobogganing to the ground.

Did I say ground? Rather, this gargantuan chunk of icy white is now sitting on top of a whole whack of snow that had previously claimed the ground as its home.

Yes, Lake W and its neighboring hamlets are being challenged with an unrelenting snowy, then rainy, then snowy, then ice-rainy winter the likes of which compels more folks to hop on the wings of birds and fly south until the drums beat: "ALL CLEAR!"

For the rest of us, it's focusing on reading, writing, cooking, painting, wood-working, playing our ukulele, guitar, violin, trumpet, drum, volunteering, or one of Maybelle's favourite winter diversions: Netflix.

Yes, I am one of the lucky ones who lives in an area where Internet bandwidth doesn't cost an arm, a leg, and the mortgage on my cottage, don'tcha know.

Why the quality of Netflix-produced movies and series, documentaries, and half a dozen other categories of eye, ear, and mind candy is a treasured addition to this ol' gal's "forced-in winter days." Or should I say, "daze." Because as much as I enjoy watching some great series, I realize how addictive it can become. You've heard of the term: "binge watching." Well, that was ol' Maybelle with one series in particular that got me binge-watching five seasons in ten days. I've been polling friends and find that I am not alone.

And then came the Oscars last Sunday night, which is why Beanpole, Vilma, Officer McB and 'ol Maybelle were together when the giant kicked the cottage. Did you watch it? We loved it.

So, dear readers, enjoy your diversions and, do take care. Walk as far away from snow covered roofs as possible. And put some grippers on the bottoms of your boots and shoes. Then, when the sun deems us worthy again, you can look up at it without fear of falling on your much beloved bottom.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, is available at amazon.com.

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Fireside stories

points of view

Oscar fever

I WALKED ACROSS OUR CARPET which, technically, is red, if you take into account the cranberry juice stain I added to it last week. I was wearing socks, underwear and a maroon T-shirt (all from the V & S under \$10 collection). These were nicely accessorized by a stylish pair of \$1.29 reading glasses bought expressly for the occasion from the optical boutique at one of our local grocery stores.

Oh, and I was wearing pants too. Pants, I have been told, are important at events like our annual home Oscar viewing party. Full disclosure: we have never invited actually anyone to this party – mostly, I am told, because of the pants issue.

Regardless, as I sauntered along the carpet, the media intercepted me and asked me my first question of the night.

"Steve, why did you walk into the coffee table?" the excited entertainment reporter inquired.

I don't normally refer to Jenn as an entertainment reporter – but in this case it seemed correct since she is a reporter and found that highly entertaining.

I straightened my reading glasses, turned in several directions looking for the camera and said, "Well, I'm happy to be here celebrating our annual Oscar night gala event. I bumped into the table intentionally to show that even in these 'troubling times' we can't let obstacles get in our way."

"But you did let it get in your way," she said. "And it stopped you cold."

I kept my poise, smiled uncomfortably and said, "Also, I'm honoured to be among these great artists."

I was referring to those I was competing against for the title of Best Tweet While Watching The Oscars, but before I could elaborate the fickle media said, "Oh look, there's Ryan Gosling!"

So, as she gushed over my arch-nemesis, I retreated to my arm chair, and quietly warned Gosling, via Twitter, not to get in my way this year.

Like most men, I appreciate the idea of the Oscars, but I do have a couple of reservations. For one thing, I think these awards would be far more relevant if they actually dealt with films I or any of my buddies have actually watched on our TVs or VCRs. Second, I wish the categories were more in line with what I find important.

For instance, I was a bit put off when Jenn told me that Raiders of the Lost Ark, Hellboy or any of the Sharknado movies weren't nominated for Best Picture again this year!

I was also surprised to hear that there was not – and apparently, never has been – an Oscar category for Best Shootout During a Car Chase or Most Superficial Wound After Being Thrown 50 Feet by an Explosion.

Rather, the Oscars are about the little things that most film goers don't particularly care about, such as best actor and supporting actor, costumes, sound quality, screenplay, cinematography and lighting.

Oh sure, the special effects category is kind of exciting but they don't break it down enough – as evidenced by the fact that there still aren't categories for Best Blood Spurting Out of an Open Wound or Funniest Line After You Hit a Big Guy With Everything You've Got and He Just Spits Out a Tooth and Smiles. Also, there should be an Oscar for Best Comeback Line After Being Punched in the Face.

All it would take is a few of these minor adjustments to make the Oscars relevant to the vast majority of the film buffs I associate with. I know they've tried – and honestly, naming the awards after a grouchy puppet was a damn good start – but they're not quite there yet.

Even so, Jenn and I had a great evening and I received the most important honour during the commercial break after I showed her three photos taken with my camera of a fly I had just tied.

She pointed to one and said, "That's the best picture." Take that Gosling!



steve
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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Recognize this building? Haliburton's town hall seen in the early 1900s. While the building looks the same, you'll notice the background looks different today. What is now the business incubator, parking lot and A.J. LaRue Community Centre was once a field cleared for cricket. The photo was originally supplied to the Echo years ago by Eldon Cowen.

letters to the editor

Legacy of eco-education

To the Editor,

The article, "Haliburton gets UN nod for environmental learning," (Feb. 7) gives us an opportunity to remember some other groups in the network of organizations which have contributed to environmental learning in the county. The "nod" from the UN is well deserved. Haliburton residents have been educating one another about the need to protect the natural environment for decades.

In the 1980s an eclectic group of Haliburtonians formed the County of Haliburton Advocates for a Naturally Good Environment (CHANGE). In response to the standard practice of burning the landfills (dumps), CHANGE challenged landfill practices, rented a partitioned bin from Muskoka and installed it in the Haliburton landfill. With the able assistance of Sam Charlton, they instituted the first recycling program, which the municipality subsequently took over. There followed a successful NO SPRAY campaign against herbicide spraying of roadsides, which was common at the time. In 1989, they organized Earthfest, an environmental fair that included a gallery show by Wendy Bateman, featuring a sweat lodge covered in blankets woven out of plastic bags.

A strategic plan for the county was written in 1997, as a precursor to the county's first official

plan. Through public consultation, a vision was created which included "a sustainable natural environment." In order to realize that vision, the County Advisory Committee for the Environment (CACE) started meeting in 1998. Membership in CACE was open to all interested residents, both permanent and seasonal. A member of county council attended the monthly meetings, and acted as a liaison to the council. For several summers, CACE hosted a community forum. One memorable event was the one-day workshop held at the Frost Centre in September, 1999: Climate Change: Impacts on our Local Environment.

Environment Haliburton! (EH!) succeeded CACE in 2003. In its first year, EH! organized a forum on land trusts. Attendees went on to form the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. EH! maintains a website, and produces a variety of educational materials (bookmarks, Enviro-Books, Enviro-Notes, and EH! bags and log carriers made from recycled grain bags) which are distributed at community events around the county each year. Educational activities have included workshops on lake planning, rural transportation, local food, and uranium. The Green Man has visited schools, and appears where the voice of non-humans needs to be heeded. EH! supports the local Tran-

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BOONiEVILLE



Volunteers busy making activity mats

JENN WATT

Editor

The counter at Community Support Services' Haliburton office is covered in scraps of cloth, rubber toys, bells, zippers and photos. You can't help but reach out to pet the bright green rabbit's foot or try out big metal zipper on some of the eight activity mats, or "busy blankets," prepared with care by local volunteers.

And that's the point.

The mats are designed to keep hands occupied, particularly for those with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. One of the symptoms of the disease is fidgeting hands.

Earlier this year, CSS volunteer co-ordinator Brigitte Gebauer asked those in the community who like to craft and sew to try making activity mats to be distributed to Highland Wood and Hyland Crest long-term care homes in Minden and Haliburton.

Last week, Gebauer was able to take the first batch to residents Feb. 23, a stack of mats created by Flo Taylor and Flo Elliott of Wilberforce and Lynn Higgs Thompson.

Using a pattern provided by Gebauer, Taylor and Elliot were able to piece together the mats, each its own unique design.

In choosing the baubles for the mats, the women kept texture and sound in mind. They used donated material and shopped at the dollar store for trinkets to affix to the mats.

Between the women's donations and others that have come in over the last month,



Busy blankets are starting to come in to Community Support Services thanks to volunteers who have been busy themselves searching for items and sewing them on mats. From left, Lynn Higgs Thompson, Flo Taylor and Flo Elliott. The blankets will be given to residents at Highland Wood and Hyland Crest long-term care homes. JENN WATT Staff

more than 20 blankets have been collected; however, Gebauer says she needs another 30.

Anyone interested in creating a busy blanket can call Gebauer at 705-457-2941 or BGebauer@hhhs.ca. She can send you pat-

terns to follow, or you can look them up on Pinterest or other online crafting sites.

Snowmobilers help save cat's life

To the Editor,

This is an open thank you letter to three snowmobilers who helped save a little cat's

life.

I was standing in a snow-covered stream that ran along the side of Haliburton Lake Road. I had a pocket light and was peering

into a cave that the stream had carved out of the bank on the far side of the road. Our cat Mikey was hiding somewhere in there, deep inside where I could not see him. I was alone, it was very dark.

Mikey hates the car. He gets car sick and more. We had driven from Toronto and were almost at the cottage when Mikey became very sick. Glenn stopped the car and I got out to carry Mikey out of his cage and into the front seat with me. He escaped. He ran over the snowbank, jumped the stream and into the cave. There he was staying.

Finally Glenn went on to the cottage to get pillows, blankets, candles and dry clothes. We were going to camp there until Mikey came out, no matter how long it took. I could not even think about what could happen to a little indoor city cat in the woods.

That is how I ended up alone, in the dark, with a pin-light flashing into a cave on the far side of a stream waist deep in water and snow.

Then three snowmobilers stopped to help. They were determined and stayed with it until they solved the problem. They managed to open up the back of the cave where Mikey was hiding. He came out like a bullet and ran back into the woods. Just then Glenn arrived. We all began to look back into the woods. But it was decided that Mikey was too afraid with them there. He hates people. Even us sometimes. So, they reluctantly left. A few minutes later Mikey showed up, walking tentatively towards the car. I opened the front door, whirled his stuffed Monkey around a bit so he could see it, and threw it into the front seat. Mikey dove in after it.

Had these three fellas not stopped and chased him out of his safe, impregnable cave, we would still be there, camped on the road side, waiting. We want to thank you, whoever you are, for saving his little life.

Charlotte Bell and Glenn Miller

Community fosters learning

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sition Town initiative, Haliburton In Transition, and hosts monthly Enviro-Cafés. EH! has brought high profile speakers to the county, most recently Maude Barlow and Elizabeth May. Dianne Saxe, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, will come to speak on July 6 of this year.

Cottagers' associations have existed for many years, and many of them have lake stewards who educate their members on how to keep their lakes healthy. A few years ago, those associations combined their efforts to form the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA). Current initiatives by CHA include improving shoreline

health and septic system health.

Other citizen-led organizations in that network of environmental organizations include Abbey Gardens Community Trust, Coalition for an Equitable Water Flow, Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning, The Gaia Centre, Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, and The Land Between. And yes, this list is incomplete. All in all, environmental learning has been, and continues to be, deeply rooted in this community.

Carolynn Coburn and Eric Lilius



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Medland's commitment to kids remembered

JENN WATT

Editor

Bill Medland brought the happy beat of the marching band to the streets of Haliburton when he founded the Silver Flutes back in 1994. With a few fellow music lovers and a drive to create something truly special, the group was created and entertained not only parade-goers throughout the Highlands, but around the province as well.

With Medland at the helm, dozens of budding musicians took up their flutes, piccolos and drums. They learned to march together, how to read music and how to rely on one another.

Those brought into the fold of the Silver Flutes under Medland are remembering their bandmaster following news of his death Jan. 28.

"Bill Medland believed in contributing to his community," former band member Reuben Maughan told the *Echo*.

When he moved to Eagle Lake from Toronto following retirement, at first he kept up with his hometown band, the Derry Flute Band. But he soon shifted his focus.

As Medland told the *Echo* during an interview in 2008, the Silver Flutes was formed to fill an obvious void he found in his new community.

He was watching the Santa Claus Parade in Haliburton with a friend, who pointed out how few bands there were.

"He said it was too cold for them," Medland told the *Echo* at the time. "I said, I think you're wrong."

At first, the group was small, just a few members of Charlene English's family and Bill and his wife Donna.

"We just started practising and I said you've got something here," English recalls. "So we started recruiting."

English's son Jonathan, nine years old at the time, was too small to play the drums, so Medland taught him how to play the piccolo. English played flute.

As time went on and English had more children, they also joined the band; Sarah would take care of running the sheet music cards to band members and David would play the triangle.

Medland went into the local schools to stir up interest amongst youth.

"He would offer them [the children] a flute to use if they would learn," English says.

Those who joined in the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes had no expenses.

"Bill believed that everyone should be able to make music, and went to great lengths to ensure that there was no cost to band members," Maughan explains.

Uniforms, instruments and other fees were never the worry of those in the band – money made from performing at events and parades went into the band's general coffers.

Those who played in the band remember Medland as a kind, funny person, who seemed to generate entertaining anecdotes as a matter of course.



Bandmaster Bill Medland, in red, ensured that everyone who wanted to play in the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes was given the opportunity. There were no costs to be part of the marching band – only a commitment to practising was required. Medland founded the Silver Flutes in 1994. He died in January, 2017, at the age of 85. File photo by Jenn Watt

Nick Chumbley joined the Silver Flutes when he was in middle school in 1999 and is now bandmaster, a role he took over from Maughan a few years back. He said he stuck with it because of his love of music, but also because the band was a community unto itself.

"You were family. You were part of the band for life," Chumbley told the paper. Band members would go paintballing together or curling. There were no cliques. And Medland looked out for everyone.

"I'll never forget the day that I unintentionally had Bill in tears when I told him I thought of Bill and Donna as grandparents. I still do," Chumbley told the audience at Medland's funeral.

He describes Medland as a cactus; gruff on the outside, but warm and loving on the inside.

"Once you got to know the man you knew he was a soft-hearted man. Very warm and very caring and he liked to see you succeed," he said.

Several years ago, when Medland announced his retirement from the band, a former band member Kathy Whyte contacted the paper with an essay on what Medland meant to her.

She wrote that the band had provided its members with a deeply meaningful experience they carry throughout life.

"You see," she wrote, "the band gives everyone in it a sense of belonging as well as teaching responsibility, respect for yourself and others, pride and a true sense of camaraderie."

She recalled a time when the band travelled to Scarborough and stayed overnight before performing at the

Toronto Santa Claus Parade.

"When Bill went out to our bus the morning of the Toronto parade, he discovered that our drums had all been stolen right off the bus! He called Donna, who made a few calls of her own, and just before our bus was due to depart for downtown Toronto, Donna arrived with a full set of drums," Whyte wrote.

English has other stories of Medland going "above and beyond" for the band.

"One young girl had injured her fingers and was missing the tips of her fingers," English says. "So he modified a flute using cork so that her fingers could still fit on the keys and she could march. That's the kind of stuff he did," she says.

Maughan, who is now a music teacher, says he sometimes finds himself repeating Medland's idioms.

"I occasionally will use a 'Bill-ism' with my students – such as 'Hurray-boo,' Bill's personal version of good news-bad news, or 'story time' in which a life lesson would be conveyed via anecdote," he says.

Medland's death notice details his lifelong commitment to marching bands. Starting at age four, he was making music in the streets with the Twelfth Parade and his father Syd. He went on to play with the Dian Juvenile Flute Band, Tobermore Flute Band and then the Derry Flute Band. He received the Governor General's Award for Caring Canadians in recognition of his work with the Silver Flutes.

Medland died at age 85 with family and friends by his side.

YWCA fundraiser has special meaning to organizer

JENN WATT

Editor

When Georgia Shank heard that the YWCA had to close its shelter last year due to increased use and lack of funding, the news affected her on a personal level.

Shank is a survivor of an abusive relationship and used shelter services in Minden and Peterborough. The YWCA's help was crucial during that period of her life and she couldn't fathom the service being lost for other women in similar circumstances.

"I was in a really bad place and the YWCA really helped me," she says. "When I heard they had to close the doors of the shelter in Minden due to lack of funding it really upset me. It was really close to my heart to think that some women perhaps in the same situation I was in wouldn't have the same resources I had. I don't know what would happen to those people or what would happen to me if that service wasn't available in Minden."

The YWCA offered Shank a place to stay where she could be safe as well as emotional support and counsel-

ling services.

In order to make sure those services are available to other women and children, Shank is organizing a special fundraiser at the Haliburton United Church. On Saturday, March 4, from 2 to 5 p.m., there will be an afternoon of music from local performers and The Two-bit 3some and Friends – a local group. Admission is by donation with all funds being matched (up to \$10,000) by Susan and Keith Hay. (There is also a bake sale at intermission.)

Shank says she was hesitant to tell her story, which she had shared on a personal level with others, but had never detailed publicly.

"I think it's important that people know," she says. Those facing abuse – physical, emotional, psychological or otherwise – need to know others have been through it and have survived.

"So people know they're not alone. It's better to ask for help than to continue to live in a bad position," she says.

Ensuring the YWCA continues to receive the funding it needs is part of that.

"I hope that we see a lot of people out at the event. It's really important that we come together as a community," she says. "It's a crucial service in the county."

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County to apply for extension on community transportation project

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County will be applying to the Ministry of Transportation for funding to extend the community transportation project, being conducted by local transportation advocacy group Rural Transportation Options (RTO).

During the past year, the project has created a database of transportation options that exist in Haliburton County, as well as the Haliburton Rideshare website, which encourages ride-sharing and allows drivers and those looking for a lift to make connections.

Haliburton County has no form of public transportation.

"It is difficult to track exactly how many rides have been established through the rideshare program," project co-ordinator Tina Jackson told county councillors during a Feb. 22 meeting.

While all individual trips may not be logged, the Rideshare site does have 65 registered users.

As for calls to the community transportation phone hub, the largest number were for access to services and medical reasons.

Last November, the RTO hosted a transportation summit that brought together various stakeholder groups as well as local politicians and municipal staff.

"Engagement and support of local municipalities is essential for the success of projects," said Lisa Tolentino, project lead for RTO.

Tolentino and Jackson highlighted the areas in which

the transportation project links to county priorities including employment and training, economic development, environmental sustainability, poverty reduction, youth retention and the creation of aging-friendly communities.

Moving forward, the RTO is hoping to create a task force on transportation issues that would serve in an advisory capacity to the county and its townships, as well as host another summit.

The county has acted as the banker and applicant for the program previously, and the request was that the municipality continue in that role, applying for a year's extension of \$50,000, the bulk of that funding used to pay for the co-ordinator position.

Other requests were for the county to provide space and technology for task force meetings, appoint a council representative to the task force, to provide administrative support and to investigate the province's Public Transit Gas Tax Fund.

Councillors agreed the county would grant all requests, with the exception of administrative support, since it didn't have sufficient resources to provide such.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey asked why people would move out into the country if they didn't have transportation to get to work in the county's villages.

"There's actually a number of folks who live in town, but their employment is out of town," Jackson said, adding that employees of some the county's resorts fit into this category.

Tolentino also said there has been some conversation with the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre about starting a shuttle service.



Art lovers enjoy staycation

Basketry artist Sheila Ziman, top right, holds up a beaver tail as an example of one of the many natural objects she uses to make her baskets during Staycation at the Rails End Gallery on Feb. 26. Held from Feb. 24 to 26, the annual three-day event is a joint initiative with the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council and includes various workshops and initiatives. Ziman has been making baskets for years from materials from her garden or foraged from nature and has taught at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Left ceramic artist Tara Gilchrist shares photos from her travels to India with participants of Staycation at Rails End Gallery on Feb. 24.

Financial business celebrating 25 years in Haliburton

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

For Gord Schakelaar and Jan McMaster, business is about relationships.

The financial planning team who make up Assante Wealth Management in Haliburton believe the key to their 25 years of success lies in the solid relationships you build with your clients.

This year the financial services firm is celebrating its 25th anniversary in Haliburton, tracing its roots back to Schakelaar's interest in changing careers.

A former metro Toronto police officer and builder, Schakelaar was seeking a new challenge when he decided to go into the financial industry.

Now a branch manager and senior financial planning advisor, he doesn't regret the decision for a moment.

"I moved up in 1988 ... and started building for three years," he said, adding he built the building where Assante is located on Maple Avenue. "In January 1992, we [Assante] started in this building and we've been here ever since."

Schakelaar said his decision to move north was made because he didn't want to raise his children in the city. The same went for McMaster, who has been with Assante for nearly 20 years, joining Schakelaar in 1998.

"I moved up in 1990 and had worked for IBM up until that point," she said.

Married to a retired police officer, McMaster previously worked for a bank in Haliburton before joining Assante, now a financial planning advisor.

The business specializes in financial services, including investments, estate planning, life insurance, tax planning and more.

"Assante is one of the largest Canadian professional services firms supporting 750 advisors all across Canada," said Schakelaar.

The pair point to a number of factors that have led to their success, including consistency, community and building relationships.

"The key for us is being here and being involved in the community for 25 years," said Schakelaar.

Much of their business is acquired through referrals or word of mouth. While the pair has seen some changes in the industry over the years, many things have remained the same.

"We know our clients, we have relationships with them," said McMaster. "You see them in the grocery store, or the doctor's office. In a small town confidentiality is huge."

The two have no plans to retire anytime soon and



Gord Schakelaar, left, and Jan McMaster celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Assante Wealth Management office in Haliburton on Feb. 23, 2017. Senior financial planning advisor and branch manager, Schakelaar has been at the helm of the branch since its inception, while McMaster has been with the company for nearly 20 years. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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The key for us is being here and being involved in the community for 25 years.

— Gord Schakelaar

will still meet their clients around their kitchen tables. The pair pride themselves not only on their client

relationships, but on their open-for-business policy, willing to accept all types of investors.

"We're good to accept just about anyone," said McMaster. "I look at my own kids; if they're just starting out and can afford \$25 a month in their RRSP or TFSA, you don't turn them away. I'm actually quite proud of that, that we're open to any type of investing."

"And we've chosen that," said Schakelaar.

Schools to receive major repairs

JENN WATT

Editor

All schools in Haliburton County will be receiving upgrades of some sort over the next year.

At its committee of the whole meeting on Feb. 14, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board was presented with a \$20 million list of improvements planned for buildings across the region.

Funding for the repairs and improvements come from the school renewal grant provided by the province.

"Typically, the board does receive grants for school capital improvement each year," Catherine Shedden, communications manager for the board, told the paper via email. "In 2014-2015 we received approximately \$5.9 million, in 2015-2016 the board received approximately \$7.3 million, and this year it is significantly more at approximately \$18.4 million. This is more than double the amount received in previous years."

The remaining amount will be drawn from TLDSB reserves.

Local schools will be receiving quite a bit of that funding: \$510,000 worth of work at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School; \$305,000 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School; \$235,000 at Cardiff; \$45,000 at Stuart Baker Elementary School; \$70,000 at Wilberforce; and \$645,000 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Items up for repair or replacement include HVAC systems, fire alarm systems, improving accessibility in

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There will always be work done as equipment and facilities come to the end of their life cycle.

— Catherine Shedden

washrooms, improving lighting systems and replacing flooring.

Facility services meets with each school's principal annually to come up with the list of projects, Shedden explained. According to the facility condition index the board completed last year, \$125 million worth of work is needed over the next five years.

"In the normal life cycle of capital infrastructure, there will always be work done as equipment and facilities come to the end of their life cycle (eg. roofs, heating equipment)," Shedden said.

Work on local schools will be done outside of school hours – over March Break, during the summer and some evenings.

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Bob Nichol remembered for work in community

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There's no doubt when Bob Nichol died he left our community a little poorer.

The Haliburton born and raised father of two adult children loved his golf about as much as the community, as he was a tireless promoter of the county.

His community efforts came with being a member for the Rotary Club of Haliburton from the 1990s to mid-2000 and former president, organizing the Timbits Provincial Elementary School Curling Championships when it was here in the past, bringing the idea to sell advertising at the local arena in Haliburton, helping with past fundraising golf tournaments for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (now the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic Tournament), and helped bring the 55+ Senior Games here.

After his death on Thursday, Jan. 19, hundreds paid their respects at the visitation and many stayed for the service led by reverend Harry Morgan.

His brother Hugh Nichol, also active in the community as a volunteer in various causes, laughed about how his 65-year-old brother would have reacted to the service's attendance, probably believing it wasn't necessary.

He adds, it was a showcase of the many lives Bob touched.

"I thought it was a great send off to an individual who gave a lot of his heart and soul back to the community. I think that was reflected in the number of people that came," he said.

Daughter Rosanne said the service's turnout "surprised and [we're] thankful that our parents raised us in such a supportive community."

His son André and his daughter asked people to share stories about their father at the service.

Chris Bishop talked about photographing the wedding between Bob and his late wife Anna Sicoli-Nichol, and his love of alpine skiing, which led to the formation of "E.I. Ski Team." Former HHSS principal Dale Robinson remembered his devotion to the Beatles, which extended to dressing up like John Lennon, right down to the round sunglasses. Most recently, he had telephoned Autumn Smith weekly at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce to share his ideas for the community.

HHHSF executive director Dale Walker knew him for at least 35 years and said ever since the Foundation started 20 years ago, Bob has provided input on fundraising initiatives. Officially, he served four years on the HHHS Charity Golf Classic committee. He was also involved with Ducks Unlimited.

When Hugh and Bob talked the conversation often focused on improving the community, attracting more people with events to bolster tourism.

"That's the biggest thing I remember. He was always talking about 'they should try this. They should look at that' and he was involved in a lot of different events over the years and well, you know what? He really put his heart and soul into it," he said.

His daughter remembers her father serving as a councillor for Dysart et al during the early part of 2000 to 2004 and ran for the deputy reeve position twice, unsuccessful in both attempts.



Haliburton's Bob Nichol died earlier this month, but will be remembered for his efforts to improve the community he loved. His funeral service drew hundreds, showing how many people he touched with his contributions, whether it was with organizations or informally, as a person that cared. He was 65. Photo submitted.

His passion for improving the community came from an affinity for the area, rooted in family. Both he and his brother were born and raised here. Their parents lived here for decades.

"His parents were business owners in the community. He knew challenges people can face in a seasonal economy. I think it inspired him to help out where he could. He always supported local businesses," Rosanne said.

The Nichol family first came to the Highlands when Bob and Hugh's grandmother bought the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course in the 1940s. They grew up on the course, working as youth to help with the small business. It is at the heart of why they love golf and why they love the Highlands.

"Because you think of all the people you meet on a course as a kid and an owner. You go out and play and talk to them. I think that's where the love came from. At that time, there were a lot of people who played locally. We were one of the few golf courses in the area ... you would meet a lot of local people. I think that's where it came from," Hugh said.

Bob's son André still remembers the drives they would go on after having breakfast at the Kosy Korner.

On occasion, it included a history lesson about particular places and what happened there to him. Con-

versations ranged from family and ideas to improve the community to politics or the Toronto Maple Leafs' next game.

Even before the funeral service was made public, people were already reaching out to André and his sister and uncle, learning about the death through word of mouth as can happen in a small town.

Values from Bob that will live on in his children include hard work, a strong work ethic, persistence and grit.

It was something André needed during his first summer job before high school performing yard work for his grandparents on an open lot. The easy thing would have been was to quit. In hindsight, the lesson taught him to never give up in the face of adversity or discomfort.

There were a lot of things Bob did for the community he loved, always striving to make it better for everyone, his brother Hugh said.

"Whenever there were events going he would go out and sell tickets, raise money. He did an awful lot for the community and one of the things I said at his funeral – it's something I think is important – if every community had more people like my brother when it came to volunteering his time wouldn't that community be a lot better off," he said.

County council costs \$105,000 for 2016

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County council cost just more than \$105,000 to operate for 2016.

Councillors for the upper tier – county council is comprised of the reeves and deputy-reeves of each of Haliburton County's four lower-tier townships – received a report on their remuneration for last year during a Feb. 22 meeting.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who was county warden for 2016, received \$18,850 in per diem payments at the upper-tier level, charged \$1,900 in mileage and had just less than \$980 in "other" expenses for a total of just more than \$21,730.

"Other" expenses consist of conference fees, accommo-

dations and meals.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin received about \$9,800 in per diem payments, had \$940 in mileage and more than \$2,250 in other expenses for a total of just over \$13,000.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen received about \$10,800 in per diem payments, charged more than \$1,500 in mileage and had other expenses in the order of about \$600 for a total of just under \$13,000.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts received \$10,700 in payment, charged \$920 in mileage and accrued about \$1,100 in other expenses for a total of \$12,800.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey and Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge each had totals of approximately \$11,900. Fearrey received approximately \$10,420 in per diem payments, charged \$765 in mileage and had about \$710 in other expenses, while Partridge's number were \$9,760, \$1,928 and about \$215, respectively.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton received about \$9,780 in per diem payments, charged about \$1,160 in mileage and had \$130 in other expenses for a total of just more than \$11,000.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch was paid \$10,280, charged \$160 in mileage and had just less than \$20 in other expenses for a total of just more than \$10,640.

Per diem payments for councillors vary based on how many council and committee meetings they attend.

Total per diem, mileage and other expenses for the four non-council members of the county's library board totalled about \$2,380 for the year.

Total expenses for the two citizen members of the county's tourism committee were less than \$1,000 and expenses for the three members of the county's land division committee totalled about \$2,300.

The four members of the county's accessibility committee had about \$1,000 in combined expenses.

sports

Red Hawks shine at COSSA championship

The Red Hawks snowboarding team had 20 riders compete at the annual COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) snowboarding championship on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at the Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake.

They captured a team gold, two team silvers, an individual gold, silver and bronze. Fourteen members, which includes the members of the top three teams listed below, will advance to the all-provincials on March 2 at Beaver Valley Ski Club in Markdale, located south of Collingwood.

Individually, the Hawks' Hunter Francis, who finished with a combined time of 65.52, beating second place Tyler Hartwell of LCVI by five seconds, led the boys again after winning at Kawartha a week earlier while teammate Glenn Bagg joined him on the podium with third. Sydney Churko finished second in the girls field, finishing with a combined time of 79.24 after two runs.

The girls team (Dakota MacDonald, Sydney Churko and Mia Quigley) finished second while the boys finished first (Hunter Francis, Keagan Gilliam, Logan Roylance, Glenn Bagg and Abe Churko) and second (Lucas Haedicke, Jake O'Neill, Zak Shantz and Jack Merrifield) in the team competition.

Results (top 10)

2nd Sydney Churko
4th Dakota MacDonald
5th place Mia Quigley

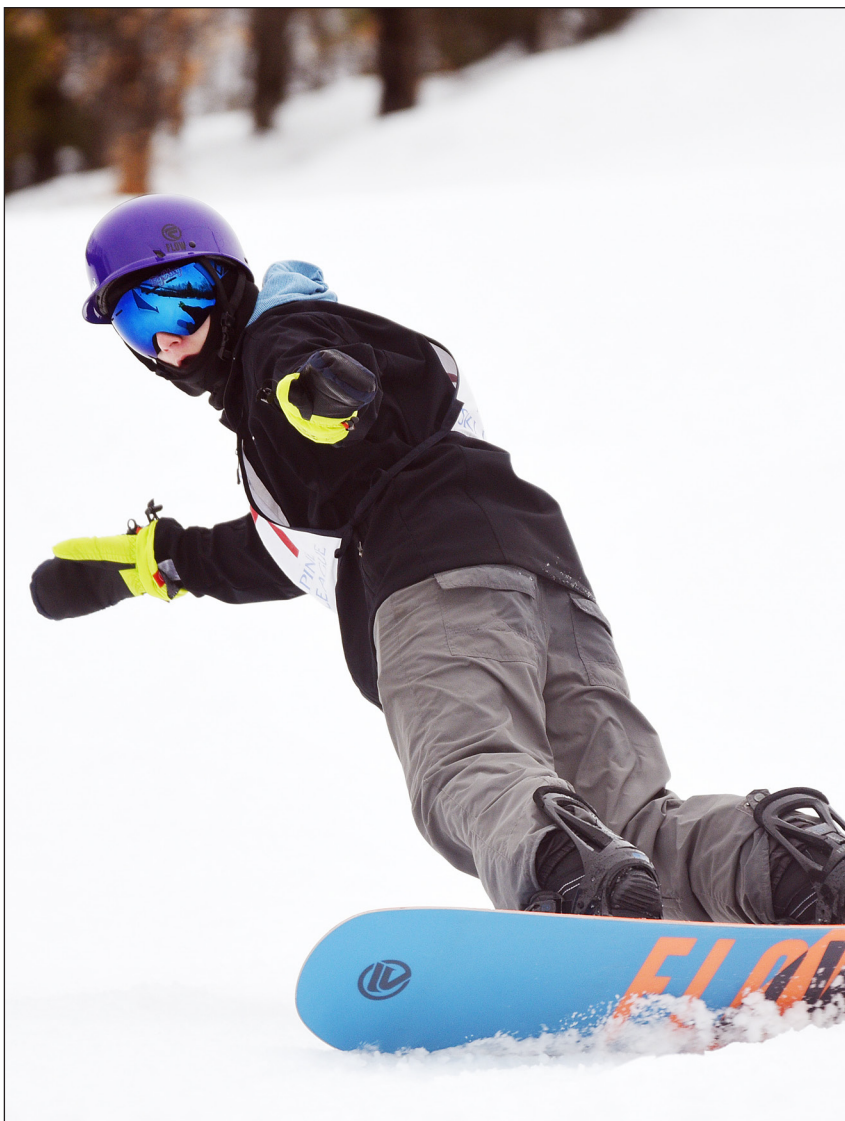
1st Hunter Francis
3rd Glenn Bagg
4th Lucas Haedicke
6th Gage Roylance
7th Zak Shantz
8th Abe Churko
9th Jake Merrifield
10th Logan Roylance

Note: the top three individual finishers outside of the team finishers also advanced to OFSAA. This includes the Hawks' Gage Roylance and Nolan Nicholson.

By staff with files from Red Hawks coach Jessica Lloyd.



Red Hawks snowboarder Glenn Bagg holds his edge, approaching the next gate at COSSA on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake. Bagg finished third individually and first with this team. He will be one of 14 Hawks advancing to the all-provincials. /DARREN LUM Staff



Above, Red Hawks snowboarder Dakota MacDonald lines up for the next turn.

Left, Red Hawks snowboarder Gage Roylance, who finished sixth, looks for the next gate at the COSSA championship.

Far left, Red Hawks snowboarder Keagan Gilliam carves to his next gate at COSSA. Gilliam finished 14th individually and first with this team. All of the riders pictured have advanced to the all-provincials. /DARREN LUM Staff

Crestwood Mustangs defender Brett Fisher, left, trips up Red Hawks player Owen Smith during Kawartha first round playoff action on Thursday, Feb. 23 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Mustangs eliminated the Hawks with a 3-2 overtime win and won the best-of-three series 2-0. Smith scored both goals in the loss. / DARREN LUM Staff



Hawks hockey season ends in overtime

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Losing in the playoffs is never easy, particularly when you have to watch the visiting team celebrate in your home rink.

This scenario played itself out when the Crestwood Mustangs ended the Red Hawks boys' hockey team's season, handing them a gut-wrenching 3-2 overtime loss on Thursday, Feb. 28 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Coming into play, the Hawks were down a game after losing to the Mustangs 4-2 earlier in the week and needed to win to stave off elimination from the best-of-three series.

The Hawks started well, carrying the pace, finishing their checks in the defensive and offensive zones and had the momentum. Despite penalty troubles, the red and white still took a 2-0 lead into the second period from a pair of goals by Owen Smith, who scored the first goal shorthanded during a two-minute minor penalty kill. Smith was not just a threat to score, as he was always throwing his weight around, finishing checks.

When the pace was slowed Crestwood

took advantage and scored late in the second and then again early in the third on a powerplay. The high pace of play was in favour of the Hawks.

Tied 2-2, going into the three-on-three overtime, Yake took the time to remind his players of the basics: timely line changes, move the puck up the ice and score.

Even before the overtime, the Hawks had their chances to send their fans home happy.

"Really, we had our chances, good chances, near the end of the game in the last five minutes. We had a powerplay there. We had some really good chances and their goalie did make some saves," he said.

With a little less than four minutes to go in the game, Haliburton had a five-on-three opportunity for 52 seconds. Mat Wilbee drew two consecutive penalties. Although the Hawks were penalized only seconds later, the home team still had a four-on-three for 41 seconds. There were two chances for the Hawks to end it in regulation, but the Mustangs goalie Matt Curphey made the stops to keep the tie and ensure a chance for his team to win.

"That probably was our best opportunities in the dying moments, you might say,

of the game. So you get to three-on-three you know there is going to be chances. That's why you do three-on-three to create opportunities to end the game. Both teams got those opportunities and they scored," he said.

He acknowledges the team did not play like this to start the year. The Hawks improved over the season despite the challenges related to snow days, robbing them of important game time with the cancellation of two hockey tournaments.

There were only four league games after exams and the team did build some momentum with a pair of consecutive wins.

"We got a little bit of a roll going not nearly what I was hoping we would have to start the season with those tournaments it would have helped our team to get together a little more and play at a higher level, but ... the game today was a nice highlight level game, fast paced. I think our guys played extremely well," he said.

In a short series though everything is magnified.

"There really was no room for mistakes and they capitalized on their few chances that they had. I give kudos to both goalies [Hawks rookie goalie Carson Sisson and Curphey]. They played extremely well.

Lots of chances on both ends," he said.

Sisson temporarily saved the game with a pad save on a partial breakaway. Unfortunately, it wasn't long after when the Mustangs Evan Downer ended the game with 6:26 left in the overtime on a subsequent partial breakaway.

The team had five starters (three suspensions, injury and team issue) related to an incident after Tuesday's first series game in Peterborough. Among the starters watching included blue liner Max MacNaull and winger Paydon Miscio. The shortage on the bench was apparent late in the third and in the 10 minute overtime, particularly with the three-on-three format. They weren't outclassed or out-chanced in that final frame, but didn't have the extra step if they had their full complement of players.

Yake couldn't have been prouder of the players he leaned on in this must-win game.

"The guys I expected a lot from had outstanding games and they played their hearts out. They should feel proud of their efforts. It's always tough losing. That's part of sport, especially when you know you had a chance to win and you put out everything into it. You got to feel pride in the effort that was there and the grit," he

Byers rink proud of GORE provincial school girls finish

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Even without the happy ending like in a Disney movie where everyone does the slow clap, the Red Hawks girls' curling team is deserving of applause for not only earning a berth to the GORE School Curling Provincial Championship finals in Perth, but also competing.

Coach Hugh Nichol was happy about how his team of skip, Jessica Byers, vice, Mackenzie Tidey, second, Destiny Wilson-Wells and lead, Lena Haase executed and performed in a strong field of eight school teams at the event.

They were just one win away from the final four of school girls teams at that prestigious competition that includes the best high school teams from the province.

HHSS played Vankleek Hill Collegiate in a tie-breaker after pool play, losing 10-4 on Friday evening, Feb. 17.

Nichol said in that game the opponents outplayed his team.

"On any given day any team can beat anybody else but that's why have to play the game. It's not that anything bad happened it's just they happened to be the better team in that particular game," he said.

Fatigue was a factor, as the tie-breaking game was 12 hours after their 8-6 win over St. Theresa High School of Midland held at 9 a.m. earlier in the day. Byers, Haase and Tidey agreed, but acknowledged their opponents rose to the occasion, agreeing with their coach.

"The difference, in my opinion, was that Vankleek Hill stepped up their game after playing us [a few days earlier] and therefore outplayed us in the last ends. We were all getting tired by then," Byers said.

The Hawks beat Vankleek 9-5 to start the competition on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Nichol also pointed out Vankleek had momentum on their side, winning an emotional game earlier in the afternoon to earn the chance to play the tie-breaker. Vankleek went on to win the consolation final to finish third. A.N. Myers Secondary School won the GORE title.

Byers said the team was proud of their accomplishment in making the final eight, particularly since they were all in Grade 9.

"To me this feels exhilarating! Considering we were the only all Grade 9 team there, we were all just proud to be there. So finishing fifth certainly exceeded our goals," she wrote in an email.

Despite their lack of experience compared to the other teams, who were in Grade 11 or 12, the team never felt out of

place. They believed they belonged at the competition held from Wednesday, Feb. 15 to Feb. 18.

Tidey said it was a testament to their hard work this season. Haase thought their familiarity with each other helped, having known each other since kindergarten. They all curl out of the Haliburton Curling Club, having started with its youth program and also curl in the club's leagues.

Competition summary

After opening the four-day competition with a win, the team lost 10-4 to A.N. Myers Secondary School of Niagara Falls on the Thursday, Feb. 16. They started their last day of competition on Friday with an 8-6 win against St. Theresa High School.

Individual honours

Byers earned individual distinction when she was named as a first team all-star. She said the criteria for being named an all-star was based on how she made more shots of high difficulty, compared to all of the other skips. The Grade 9 skip earned the highest marks among them all when it came to the point scoring for each shot. Every shot made is scored out

of four, based on level of difficulty and a player is eligible to double their point total if the team wins.

Nichol points out the team's front end of Haase and Wilson-Wells deserve some credit in the all-star recognition because of how their sweeping can help with shot execution.

This team will compete again when it competes from March 3 to 5 in Whitby at the under-18 OCA Bonspiel (formerly known as the bantam zones and regions).

The team was appreciative to the tournament organizers, the volunteers, the town of Perth and their billet hosts, Merv and Josie Roberts. Haase appreciated the encouragement she received from the opposing players and coaches, who made her feel welcome and "proud to be part of the curling family."

They will never forget the hospitality of their billet hosts, who drove them back and forth from the home to the curling club.

"We were so lucky to wake up to warm hugs, a hot breakfast, and beautiful surroundings. Oh, and an alarm at 6 a.m. Other than our amazing hosts, I will always remember our good coach Hugh Nichol and my fabulous friends that I am honoured to curl with," Tidey wrote in an email.

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Red Hawks junior volleyball player Samantha Pamplin unleashes a spike against the Astros of École secondaire publique Marc Garneau during the COSSA tournament on Thursday, Feb. 23 in Haliburton. The Hawks lost their first two matches before they beat St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School for third place. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Juniors finish third at COSSA

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks junior girls' volleyball team can hold their heads up high after hosting COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) championship on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Finishing third at COSSA came down to a single match with Kawartha A rivals, St. Thomas Catholic Secondary School Titans in the Hawks' last match.

The Hawks hung on to win, taking the first game 25-22 and closed out the match with a 25-18 win to finish COSSA with four points behind second seed Quinte school École secondaire publique Marc Garneau from Trenton. Marc Garneau lost 16-14 in the third and deciding game in a stunner to the third top seed Quinte Christian High School. The champions were losing 14-11, facing match point before their five point run to win the best-of-three match to capture the COSSA title.

Coach Steve Smith loved his team's effort in this championship on home court.

"The girls were excited to be here and I was excited to coach them. It was great to host and the girls rose to the occasion," he said.

He cannot recall the last time the Hawks hosted COSSA.

Getting to see the COSSA trophy with past winning schools, which included Haliburton back in 2000, etched on it provided the Hawks players motivation against Marc Garneau, their first opponent.

"It was a momentum thing in volleyball. Sometimes the momentum swings back

and forth and the girls would really like to get rid of the basketball net," he said, smiling.

Several passes hit the low hanging net, which was located on one side of the court. "Actually, that was a common theme throughout the whole tournament was the basketball net. It was equal on both sides. The net being an issue for both teams," he said.

The home team was close in both sets, losing by a combined 10 points. The score was 0-2 (21-25 and 19-25). In the Red Hawks' second match against eventual COSSA champions Quinte Christians, the score was 0-2 (10-25 and 17-25).

This year Smith was coach of the entire volleyball program, leading the senior and junior teams.

He has already been in contact with a likely candidate expected to take over the seniors while he will remain with the juniors only.

Next year's junior team will experience a "change of guard."

Only four players will return to the team from this year, Smith said.

"It's going to be building again. That's the nature of junior ball. You build and start from square one. You start the program we have in place and continue to see success," he said.

After a two-year hiatus from coaching, Smith welcomed the opportunity to have a chance to host COSSA. He appreciated being able to work with the girls this season.

"The girls worked hard. They worked their butts off and [had] success," he said. "It's been good. It's been fun."

Record eight Hawks wrestlers go to OFSAA

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks coaching staff of Dan Fockler and Paul Klose are ecstatic for their wrestlers earning their first berths to the all-provincials.

Never before in the program's history have they sent eight representatives to OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletics Association).

Second year wrestler Chloe Samson had a large smile, talking about her first berth to compete from March 1 to 3 in Brampton.

"I really wanted to [make it] last year and I thought it was going to be a possibility, but then I ended up getting challenged and I lost so I couldn't make [OFSAA]. It was very disappointing, but when I made it this year I was crying I was so happy," she said.

After she lost her gold medal match at COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship on Feb. 16 in Trenton) and hurt her head, she was upset and worried about a repeat of the year before. But the challenge didn't come and her dream came true, albeit a year later.

Klose calls this a "cohesive group and they worked well all year."

He adds it was a "fun year" to coach this group.

Unlike last year when there were six wrestlers in two weight classes, the team covered the full gamut of wrestling weight classes from 41 kilograms up to 89 kilograms. This helped with team results and prevented Hawks wrestlers from having to compete against each other.

Grade 12 Dylan Freake is the eldest of the group, but it is his first year wrestling.

The next two senior wrestlers are Matt Manning, who finished second and Emily Klose, who finished third. They are both in Grade 11 and have another year of eligibility.

"For the most part, we're looking at it as a growth year for these young people to see the tournament and that can only make them better for the next year," Klose said.

Although taking eight athletes is an achievement, there will be schools with larger contingents in an event that boasts upwards of 800 wrestlers, coach Klose said. Getting to represent COSSA with other schools from our area diminishes the daunting nature of the large field of competition and enables Hawks wrestlers to support COSSA competitors from other schools.

The other wrestlers advancing are Noelle Dupret-Smith, who finished second and Emily Klose and Karissa Riopelle, both third at COSSA.

There is a fulfilling satisfaction for Aidan Coles, who finished second at COSSA to punch his ticket to the all-provincials.

"After practicing all year and finally having all the effort and blood and sweat and tears you put into it to finally get rewarded is such an amazing feeling," he said.

The second year wrestler in Grade 10 believes improvement can only come from his experience wrestling among the best in the province.

The excellence displayed by the girls on the team has been a constant this season, Klose said.

As a team, they have shone.

"They won the Kawartha championship and were second at COSSA, which was awesome. There is a good core and they just feed off each other in the mat room. That takes them further at higher end competitions. We'll see what they do at OFSAA," he said.

One of those girls is Hannah Riopelle, who is a rookie and a Grade 9 athlete.

She didn't have to compete at COSSA because there wasn't an opponent in her weight class.

However she had to get into that position by winning Kawartha. Earning a spot at the all-provincials didn't cross her mind then, except for her coach telling her it was possible, but she still welcomes the opportunity to compete.

"I'm scared, but, I think maybe I'll [face a wrestler with the same anxiety] because maybe they made it the same way I did. I'm just happy there are more people to wrestle," she said.



The Red Hawks wrestlers Aidan Coles, left, Chloe Sampson, Hannah Riopelle, Noelle Dupret-Smith, Matt Manning, Emily Klose, Dylan Freake and Karissa Riopelle are all advancing to OFSAA this year. This is the largest contingent for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School ever to advance to the all-provincials./DARREN LUM Staff

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Draper's rink advances to COSSA championship

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks boys' curling team is heading to the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) championships after overcoming early adversity.

The team of skip, Chris Draper, vice, Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, second, Josh Colicchia and lead, Brian Wheeler won four games in a row after dropping its opener to Cobourg 7-5 at the Kawartha championship on Tuesday, Feb. 21 in Omeme.

Hawks school coach Russ Duhaime said the team rallied to earn their COSSA berth.

"The boys played very well, especially in the final against Holy Cross. We decided to play a very defensive game

and wait for Holy Cross to get frustrated and take some chances. It wasn't until the seventh end that we were able to capitalize on their misses and steal the lead. I was impressed with their patience. It's a very mature style of play and makes for nail-biting games," he wrote in an email.

Besides Duhaime, the team's coach is Ron Draper.

The team's wins were against St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School 9-2, Cobourg, 7-6, I.E. Weldon 9-1 and Holy Cross 3-1.

The Hawks squad earned the second of two spots at COSSA on March 6. Fenelon Falls Secondary School won the tournament and will be the top seed from the area.

With files from Russ Duhaime



The Red Hawks boys' curling team lead, Brian Wheeler, left back, skip Chris Draper, Josh Colicchia, left front, and vice, Dustyn McCready-DeBruin have advanced to COSSA because of an impressive display of resiliency. They won four consecutive games after dropping their opening game at the Kawartha championship on Tuesday, Feb. 21 in Omeme. They enter COSSA as the second seed from Kawartha. Submitted by Russ Duhaime

Bright future for HHSS girls' curling program

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There is optimism for next year for the Red Hawks curling program.

Although the Red Hawks girls' curling team of Alanna Casper, vice, Emily Parish, second, Emma Casey and lead, Ania Smolen did not advance from the Kawartha championships held in Omeme earlier this month, their coach Alexis David is looking forward to next season.

With the exception of skip Alanna Casper, who is graduating there will be five players in the Red Hawks program who will return.

"The bonds that were made this year, are only going to continue to grow, and strengthen the team, the longer the girls play together," she said.

The five players are Emily Parish, Emma Casey, Ania Smolen, Jessica Byers and Lena Haase.

David said she and the returning players are sad to lose Casper.

"But we know she will continue to support HHSS curling no matter where life takes her," she wrote in an email.

David hopes Mackenzie Tidey and Destiny Wilson-Wells join the Red Hawks team next year. Both players competed with Byers and Haase, who finished fifth at the 2017 Gore Mutual Schoolgirl Provincial Championships. This team was the second entry for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

At Kawartha, the team was winless, but the "girls started strongly taking three in the first end. They lost the next couple ends putting them behind and diminishing their spirits a bit. They continued to fight and give I.E. Weldon a challenge, but in the end, Weldon's skip made some great shots that were hard for us to counter. We lost by 9-7," she said. The first game in Kawartha's against Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School started slowly. The team did not recover and lost.

"The girls had a great season together and enjoyed the times they had. Winning the Lil Burns Memorial Bonspiel was a highlight of the season. They won all three games by a landslide and took home a trophy and medals," she said.

With files from Alexis David

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Jets rise above Ennismore Eagles

The following are minor hockey dispatches for the Highland Storm and the Jets.

The Parkview Dental / Canadian Tire Bantam Girls Jets beat the Ennismore Eagles on Sunday, Feb. 26 afternoon in Bancroft. The game was fast paced with both teams exchanging chances at both ends of the rink.

Early in the first period of the game, Haley Goulet started off the scoring with a top right corner shot assisted by Mackala O'Connor. The Eagles evened the score with 48 seconds on the clock to end the first 1-1. Ennismore scored again early into the second period taking the lead over the Jets. Despite all of their efforts the girls were unable to put one past the Eagles goalie and were scoreless throughout the second. Ennismore edged ahead, making it a 2-1 game.

Determined and wanting the win, the Jets persevered and added two to the scoreboard halfway through the third. Kennedy Croskery scored, assisted by Paige Billings, and Beth Brownlee scored with a back handed goal assisted by Marissa Cannon. It was now 3-2 in favour of the Jets. Both teams continued to skate and work hard but it was Ennismore who would score to tie the game 3-3. With the crowd on the edge of their seats, with two minutes left, Hannah McMann pumped a top left corner shot into the net securing a Jets' win. Cannon assisted on the goal. Final score, Jets 4, Eagles 3. Courtney Semach had a solid game in net for the Jets.

The team will play on home ice this Thursday at 7 p.m. against the Peterborough Ice Kats. The weekend will see the Jets play back-to-back games against first place Otanabee Wolverines. On Saturday the team travels to Keene for a game at 7 p.m., and will play their first place rivals again at home on Sunday at the NHCC at 4:30 p.m. Go Jets Go!

Submitted by Linda Goulet

Five game winning streak for midget Jets' team

The Bancroft I.D.A. / Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls Jets team hosted the Cold Creek Comets on Saturday afternoon in Bancroft in their continued bid to get to the All-Ontario Provincial Championship.

Bancroft needed a "must win" to even their record with the Comets to a win each in their round robin provincial playdowns. The Jets came out flying and pressured Cold Creek from the opening face-off. Bancroft's attack led to the opening goal midway through the first period where Katie Funk's wrister assisted by Jules Croskery, beat the Comet tender high glove. The 1 - 0 lead sparked the Jets, and late in the first period, Croskery finished off a focused and hard-working shift with line-mates Shpikula and Funk to give Bancroft a 2 - 0 lead. Bancroft finished up the sec-

ond period with their third unanswered goal when Danielle Sunstrum tucked the puck home with just 19 seconds left in the frame, assisted by Little and Marsden. The Jets kept their focus, including Katie Hoover's clutch efforts to help secure the 3 - 0 shutout win. The "must win" keeps the Jets' provincial hopes alive.

Bancroft wrapped up their provincial playdowns in Cobourg Sunday night against the Northumberland Wild. The Jets needed a win to try and secure their bid for the All-Ontario Championships in April.

Jamie Little put the Wild on their heels early when she tucked home a short side beauty on the first shift of the game to give Bancroft a 1 - 0 lead. The Wild tied the game late in the first. The Jets continued their team-focused pressured attack and took the lead back with Little's (second snipe) one-timer off the post from Marsden. The Wild never quit and found another equalizing goal early in the second period, tipping a shot into the net for a 2 - 2 tie. Both teams battled and pressured the rest of the game to try and find that next goal. Midway through the third period, Tori Shpikula scored the game winning 3 - 2 goal when she beat the Wild tender off a dandy dish from Katie Funk. The Jets finished their provincial playdowns on a five-game winning streak and a goal differential of plus-seven against Cold Creek. Bancroft waits to see the outcome between the Wild and the Comets to determine their entry into the All-Ontario Provincial Championship in April.

Great team "play-offs" effort girls! Keep the focus as we take on Keene in our second round of our League Finals Thursday night on the round in game one.

Game two is Saturday night, March 4, at 5 pm in Bancroft. Game three - if needed - will be Sunday afternoon, March 5, in Bancroft at 2 p.m.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Stars end novice Storm run in semi-finals

On Friday Feb. 24 the Haliburton Timber Mart / Canadian Tire Highland Storm Novice team travelled to Wasaga Beach to take on the Stars in game one of the All-Ontario semi-finals. The Storm were slow to get going but managed to play even with the Stars for the first period. But shortly into the second the Stars began to dominate the game. The Storm were unable to respond and were kept off the scoreboard. They dropped the opening game of the series.

On Saturday Feb. 25 the novices hosted the Wasaga Beach Stars for the second playoff game. The Storm skated much better this game. Jace Mills scored the first goal of the game giving the Storm an early lead. The Stars responded, tying the game 1-1. Brechin Johnston scored

see HIGHLAND STORM page 20



Curling event gives to palliative care

The ninth annual Todd's Independent Curl for Care Bonspiel in support of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) drew 64 curlers such as Mackenzie Tidey, from left, Don Popple, Mike Johnson and Lynn Bartlett on Feb. 25 at the Haliburton Curling Club. The event raised \$4,000 and included sponsors Haliburton Highlands Brewing and Stone House Wines. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Debbie Martin, left, and Michael Schiedel-Webb sweep a rock in the ninth annual Todd's Independent Curl for Care Bonspiel.

This event has raised \$33,500 over its nine year history. The funds from this year's bonspiel will go towards the new palliative care centre at the Haliburton hospital. The campaign for the project has reached \$1.075 million, with a goal of \$1.25 million.

"We appreciate the support and dedication of Steve Todd for his commitment to the HHHS Foundation" said Making Moments Matter campaign co-chair Don Popple. Todd said he has been thrilled to be a part of a great cause for nine years. "It's exceeded my expectations with how well it's gone and it's great to be involved with an organization where you see tangible results," he said. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



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Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve general manager Malcolm Cockwell, gives a \$10,000 cheque to the Haliburton Fire Department’s fire chief Mike Iles on behalf of the Haliburton Firefighters Association raised from this year’s Haliburton Forest’s 27th annual Snowmobile Poker Run. Iles said there has not been a decision on how it will use the money, but has used past donations from this event to purchase essential life-saving equipment such as their ATV. This event has raised \$200,000 for local charities in the event’s history. Submitted by Tegan Legge.



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 - 10. A way to change color
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 - 13. Rewards (archaic)
 - 15. Colbert’s network
 - 16. Palm trees
 - 19. Capital of N. Carolina
 - 21. LA ballplayers
 - 23. Does not sit
 - 24. A way to intensify
 - 25. Penny
 - 26. Elements’ basic unit
 - 27. Muscular weakness (pl.)
 - 30. Makes sense
 - 34. Helps little firms
 - 35. Go quickly
 - 36. Found at the end of books
 - 41. A way of carving
 - 45. The back of one’s neck
 - 46. Israeli dance
 - 47. They help golfers
 - 50. Western landmass
 - 54. Evokes
 - 55. A Big Easy hoopster
 - 56. Small valleys
 - 57. Water in the solid state
 - 59. Acquired brain injury behavior science (abbr.)
 - 60. Don’t let this get too big
 - 61. Motor is one type
 - 62. Negative
 - 63. A hiding place
 - 64. Negative
 - 65. Excavated

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- 1. Upright stone
 - 2. Beat
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 - 4. Distinguishing marks
 - 5. Clerical vestment
 - 6. Give cards incorrectly
 - 7. Underground construction worker
 - 8. Japanese art form
 - 9. Franz van __, German diplomat
 - 13. Wife
 - 14. Consume
 - 17. Curve
 - 18. Midway between south and southeast
 - 20. Unit of heredity
 - 22. Upon
 - 27. Pressure unit
 - 28. Australian TV station
 - 29. Cool!
 - 31. A person’s guardian spirit
 - 32. French river
 - 33. Body part
 - 37. Gratify
 - 38. Watertight chamber
 - 39. Dueling sword
 - 40. Term
 - 41. Having an attractive shape
 - 42. Togo capital
 - 43. Island nation
 - 44. Arctic deer with large antlers
 - 47. Dishonorable man
 - 48. Equal to 100 sq. meters
 - 49. Administered
 - 51. Cake topping
 - 52. Car for hire
 - 53. Autonomic nervous system
 - 58. Intelligence organization
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Highland Storm novices season ends in semi-finals

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another goal for the Storm with an assist by Caleb Manning, giving the Storm the lead. It was end-to-end action for three periods. The Stars took the lead late in the second period. The Storm dropped game two to Wasaga Beach 6-2 and were put in a must win situation for Sunday.

The novice team travelled back to Wasaga Beach on Sunday Feb. 26 for game three of the playoff series. The Storm came out strong and were relentless in their pursuit of the puck in both ends. Solid defense and excellent goal-tending by Chase Winder kept the Storm in tight with the Stars. The Storm put forth their best team performance of this series but unfortunately could not contain the Stars’ fire power. A late goal by Johnston brought the Storm closer. However the Storm lost their final playoff game 3-1.

Congratulations to the novices on making it to the All Ontario semi-finals. All players should be extremely proud of their hardwork and dedication. It was a privilege to watch these boys improve and develop as a team throughout the season. You made us all proud. To coaches: Darryl Winder, Greg Scheffee, Jamie Johnston and Justin Rowden – thank you for all your time and dedication. To our manager Amanda Manning – a huge thank you for all the time spent planning and organizing team events. It was a wonderful season, be proud of your accomplishments. The novice team members are: Brady Burtch, Liam Harrison, Brechin Johnston, Evan Jones, Austin Latanville, Caleb Manning, Jace Mills, MacLean Rowden, Josh Scheffee, Parker Simms, and Chase Winder.

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Peewees battle, but season ends

On Friday Feb. 25th the JoAnne Sharpley’s Source for sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees hosted the Penetang Flames in game two of the series. With the Storm down 1-0 in the series they were looking to tie it up. The first period saw both teams battle back and forth with Darian Maddock keeping his team in the game. The first period ended with no score. The second period the Flames of Penetanguishene scored to put them ahead 1-0 going into the third. The Flames scored again

half way through the third to put them up 2-0. The Storm tried everything they could, pulling the goalie to try to get back into the game but the Flames netted an empty netter. With the goalie back in, the Storm took a rush back to the Penetangs’ net. Kyan Hall scored assisted by Colin Glecoff and Dylan Keefer. With less than a minute left in the game the Storm pulled the goalie again trying everything they could with every last second left but fell short. So when the final buzzer rang, the Storm lost 3-1.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Peewee Jets soaring, win two via shutout

After having a weekend off of hockey, the Leveque Brothers / Rock Breakers Peewee girls travelled to Cobourg Friday night to take on the West Northumberland Wild. The Jets picked up where they left off and dominated the game keeping the play in the Wilds’ end. The Jets picked up the two points with a 6-0 victory. Goals were scored by Peyton Armstrong, three, Emma Tidey, two, and Ava Smith. Assist going to Chloe Billings.

On Saturday the girls were in Otonabee to take on the Wolverines. The girls skated hard and made some great passing plays to defeat Otonabee 3-0. Goals scored by Trista Young, Billings and Ryan Rupnow. Assists going to Armstrong (2), Mackenzie Hudder, Tidey and Billings.

On Sunday the girls played at home taking on their division rivals the Peterborough Ice Kats. In what was proving to be a great game the girls finally opened the scoring early in the second period by a squeaker scored by Armstrong and assisted by M. Hudder. With only a one goal lead going into the third the fans were on the edge of their seat until late in the third Emma Tidey, unassisted, scored the insurance goal. Armstrong potted one more before the period ended, assisted by Hailey Hudder, to give the girls the 3-0 and important win over the Ice Kats. Bella Smolen turned away all shots she faced on the weekend for her fourth shut-out of the Playdowns.

Come cheer on the girls as they take on the Ennismore Eagles at home in Bancroft Saturday March 4th at 4 p.m.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

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Tories have to mind the NDP's Manners

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Earl Manners may be new to the riding but, as the man who wants to represent the people of Haliburton-Victoria-Brock as the new NDP candidate, he's already known to most voters.

On television screens, in newspaper articles and in radio reports, Manners has been the outspoken voice of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation since 1995. And the Tory government's education reforms have given him a lot to talk about.

But rather than put his name in for another two-year term as president at the OSSTF convention in March, Manners is branching into a new area of politics.

He's the first candidate to come forward with his desire to win the riding for the NDP in the next provincial election.

"I live in Lindsay now and this is a good way to participate in the community," the 48-year-old says. "Given all my experience in provincial politics at Queen's Park, I thought it was a good time to continue my public service."

Manners and his partner, Val Pethick, bought a house in Lindsay in July. Pethick grew up in Woodville, where her father was involved in municipal politics, and has lived in the riding all of her life. She is a

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DARREN LUM/ECHO

Celebrate!

Jennifer Paton cheers on Hannah Klose after the four-year-old skied under the obstacle course's limbo pole during Saturday's celebration of the end of another successful Jackrabbit program at Glebe Park. More photos are page 10.

CHRONOLOGY OF AN ICE STORM

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Here's what drivers across the county had to cope with according to the records kept by Minden weather watcher Phil Graham.

Monday, February 3

- the highest the mercury reaches all day is -5°
- the storm starts at 8:45 p.m. with ice pellets and freezing rain

Tuesday, February 4

- at 3 a.m. the temperature is -2° and the freezing rain starts to turn into rain
- Graham notes that all the problems, such as power outages, start between 3 and 5 a.m. There's at least a quarter-inch of ice covering everything.
- at 5 a.m., it's still raining heavily and the temperature remains just below freezing
- at 7 a.m. it's still raining. The temperature reaches 1°. Ice on the trees starts to melt but

there's still lots of ice on the roads

- at 9 a.m. the rain finally ends. Graham is astounded when he realizes that 30 mm of rain/rain equivalent has fallen. Is that a lot, he's asked. "You better believe it," he says.
- at 11 a.m. it starts to snow, but the wind picks up and temperatures start to drop.
- by 5 p.m., the temperature's dropped to -7°. The high of the day was 1.5°.

Three plows slide off road after ice storm

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A snow plow driver from Highlands East was badly shaken up but uninjured when his massive truck slid down an icy road and rolled over onto the top of its cab in the ditch.

It was one of three accidents which claimed a municipal truck in Tuesday's treacherous ice storm. Highlands East, Dysart et al and Minden Hills all lost a truck due to the dangerous driving conditions.

"The chains just wouldn't hold the truck," says Highlands East Roads Superintendent Barry Dunford said of the Tuesday afternoon accident near Highland Grove.

What made the ordeal even scarier for the driver was that snow packed against the windows of the cab, leaving the upside-down driver in the darkness. "It crushed the cab down pretty good," Dunford says.

The driver used his truck radio to phone in the emergency and then had to break the passenger side window and crawl out through the snow to get free. He was taken to hospital but had no major injuries and was shortly released.

"It's scary when you hear someone on the radio in a panic," Dunford says. He's very relieved the driver was not injured.

The truck is a write-off and was removed by a Peterborough wrecking firm on

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Fundraiser, “Go Wild 4 Wildlife”**
When: Saturday March 4th
Where: Pinestone Resort
Come on out for a nice buffet dinner, bid on some incredible silent auction item and dance the night away to fabulous music by the Carl Dixon Trio and special guest Jeff Moulton.
All proceeds from this fundraiser help the sanctuary care for the 100’s of orphaned and injured wildlife they admit each year, and this year they are raising funds to build a large flight enclosure for rehabilitating birds of prey.
Help Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary save our wildlife...one animals at a time.
Don’t delay! Last year’s event was sold out! Tickets are only \$45 pp and available through their website at www.woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca or can be reserved at the door by contacting Monika at 705 286-1133.

**Minden & District Horticultural Society,
March General Meeting**
When: March 7, 2017 at 1:00 pm
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St. Minden
Guest Speaker: Leora Berman, The Land Between
For more info: minden@gardenontario.org
Refreshment theme: “Crazy for Coconut” We welcome your coconut treats

**Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discov-
ery Days: Reptile Road Show**
When: Saturday, Mar. 18, 10 am start time until noon (arrive before 10 please for registration)
This is of our most popular events of the year! The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program to Haliburton once again, with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about.
Tickets must be purchased before the event either online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or in person at our office at 739 Mountain St. Haliburton.
Cost: General Admission, \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 Per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults and 2 children) \$30.00
Location: Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd. Haliburton

Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic
When: Monday, March 27th
1:30-6:30pm
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St.
To book your appointment please visit www.blood.ca

**Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discov-
ery Days: Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!**
When: Saturday, Apr. 8, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Who goes “hoo” in the night? Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Plooard and listen in the dark for owls calling. Dress warmly, including your footwear, and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Our leader will be Pauline Plooard. Admission by donation.
Location: Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd. Carnarvon at 8:00 pm where carpools will be arranged and directions provided.
Cost: Admission by donation

Loop Troupe firms up plans
for spring production

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It’s quilting time at our historic house Outpost. Every year the Wilberforce Heritage Guild raffles a hand quilted quilt to raise funds for programs at our National Historic Site. An attractive top was donated by Marilyn Crane and the quilt assembled by Linda Cameron. They along with other WHG members & friends are quilting it. Help is welcome in the next few weeks, Cathy and others at Agnew’s store usually know when quilters are at the Outpost.
Lots of kids enjoyed hockey at our arena last Saturday, Cars were already arriving with young players by 8 a.m. Hope it was fun and best wishes to teams which will move on in playoffs.
The village has been devoid of snowmobilers since heavy rains have spoiled many of the trails for the last


week. Very unusual was the thunder storm which blew in last Friday evening. Though it’s good to see the snow banks receding perhaps a bit of the white stuff would be welcome for March Break which includes school days March 13 to 17.
Ash Wednesday service at St. Margaret’s Church is at 4 p.m. this Wednesday. All are welcome as Lent begins.
Also at St. Margaret’s the next Twooney Soup Lunch is Tuesday March 7 from 12 to 1:30. Drop by for soup, dessert tea & coffee. Hopefully Leo Morello will once again delight us with his homemade bread. Bring a friend or make a new friend over lunch. Proceeds go to Outreach.
The Loop Troupe has firmed up plans for its spring production. Two short pieces that will certainly entertain are cast. Two more females are needed if a third short play can be part of the show. The troupe meets this Thursday evening likely at the LWMC at 6:30 p.m.
Sympathy is extended to the family of Robert Bell who died on Saturday February 18 in a snowmobile accident. Bob perished in open water at the bridge where grace River flows into Dark Lake. Thankfully his partner Roxanne Ryan was rescued. Their family cottage is on Grace River. A celebration of Bob’s life was held in Newmarket on Saturday February 25, 2017.

Snow shuffle a success despite mild temps

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Eleanor Cooper
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The Snowshuffle Committee of Lynn Morrison, Carm Sawyer, Dave Walker, Matt Barnhart and Mandy Swinson managed to make a success of the event despite the weather conditions that rendered the lakes unsafe for travel. Peggy Pouw guarded the entry way and sold the tickets for registration for this, the more than 25 year fundraiser for the Centre. The draw for the poker hand was made at the door. Brian Cooney won the 50/50 draw of over \$1,000.00. Pine Lake boat launch was the setting for the lunch. A barbecue was set up for hamburgers & sausages and the roast beef dinner was served in the Centre and followed by the dance to end the day. A full house for dinner & dance assured the success of the snowshuffle. Thanks to all who participated to support the Centre for another year.
Welcome to St. George’s Church’s pancake supper at the Haliburton Legion on Feb. 28th.
The Jan. 30th meeting at the Centre has proven of sufficient interest in our Canada Day celebration here. Volunteers have answered the challenge of supporting this important event.
Good wishes for better health go out to Colleen Morrison who is recovering in Ross Memorial Hospital from heart problems.
Euchre Scores:
High: Perry Morrison & Dianne Madonik
Low: Ed Muenzel & Ray Campbell
Most Lone Hands: Rod Smyth & Ron Bain

Notices



NOTICE

2017 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216, the County of Haliburton enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect the County roadways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

Restriction on permits issued under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216:

As outlined in the Highway Traffic Act and County of Haliburton By-Law #2216, reduced loading will be in effect in the County of Haliburton effective 12:01 a.m. on March 1, 2017. The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act and the By-Law, unless otherwise specified, are not valid on affected County Roads during the Reduced Loads Period.

Reduced load limits will be in effect where and when signs are posted.

WHEN SIGNS ARE POSTED, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL HAVE A REDUCED LOAD LIMIT FOR THEIR ENTIRE LENGTH:

County Roads 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 39, 48 & 507

On and after **March 1st**, check the County of Haliburton website www.haliburtoncounty.ca under “Notices” to see when reduced load limits are in effect and when they are lifted. Or consult our new Road Closures App. under the GIS Maps tab.

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May we send our heartfelt thanks
to all who gave so generously of
their kindness and sympathy
during his battle and
in the event of his death.

We especially want to thank those
who helped with the organization
of the fundraisers for our family;
Britney Rock, Brianna Pockett,
Brandi Reynolds, Courtney Wilson,
Andrea Bull, Marita Bagshaw,
Monte Miscio, Brad Parks, and
many others that contributed to
these events.

As Anthony Burgess states
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Onondaga Camp, Minden, seeks

Maintenance Assistant

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Up to 40 hour work week Spring and Fall. Up to 48 hour work week Summer (6 days).

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SEASONAL Full Time Hours
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Loving Mother of Derek (Kim) and Nichole. Loving Grandmother of Dawn, Joshua, Tyrell, Tristan, C'asia and Great Granddaughter Ivy. Loving sister of Glen, Eileen, Gary, Ross, Randy and Paul (deceased). Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday March 4th from 2-4 pm at The Haven of Rest Chapel, 1449 Old Donald Road, Haliburton
Visitation 2-3 pm, Service at 3 pm. (Luncheon to follow)

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Giles Connelly

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully surrounded by his family on Thursday evening, February 16, 2017 in his 91st year. Beloved husband of Gladys Connelly (nee Smith). Loving father of Susan (William Sinclair) of Oshawa and Peter (Gail) of Barrie. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Brian (Carol), Angela (Isaac), April (Chad), Shay (Kal), Lindsay (Geoff), Douglas and by his great grandchildren Storm, Felicity, Kaine, Colby, Cassidy, Xavier, Keyaira and Remy. Dear brother of Norma Curran. Predeceased by his daughter Carolyn, his brothers Ivan, Melvin and sisters Grace, Wanda and Marion. Also fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Giles owned and operated the Esso Fuel Oil Agency in Haliburton for many years. He was a member of the Haliburton United Church and belonged to the North Entrance Lodge, and the Rotary Club.

Memorial Service & Reception

Friends called at the HALIBURTON UNITED CHURCH on Sunday afternoon, February 19, 2017 for a Memorial Service at 2 o'clock. Reception to followed in the Fellowship Hall. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton United Church or HHHS Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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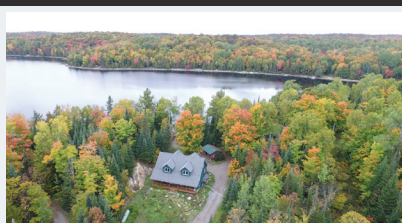
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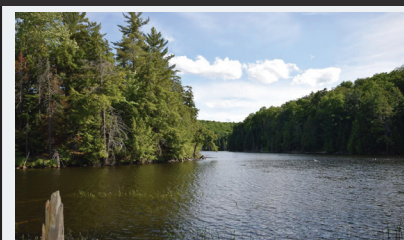
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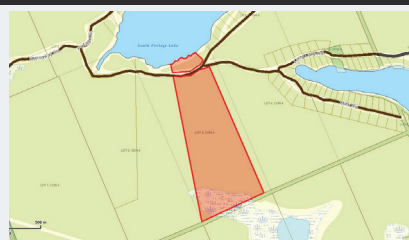
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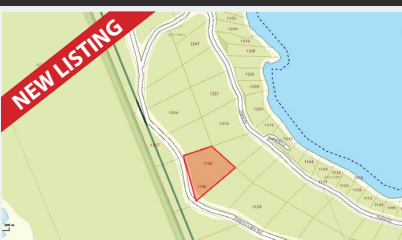
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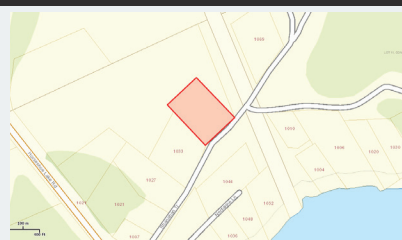
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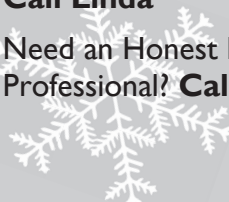
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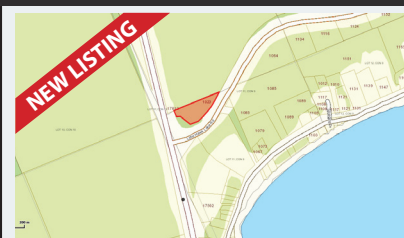
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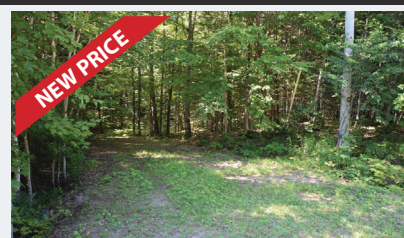
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